

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (previously presented): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles each including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

an error rate detecting part for detecting an error rate at its reception of each of said services; and

an error rate comparing part for comparing the detected error rates for services with each other;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on the comparison result by said error rate comparing part, while a higher priority for the operation being assigned to one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a lower error rate, than one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a higher error rate.

3. (canceled).

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4. (previously presented): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said error rate detecting part detects an error rate of at least one of said services contained in each ensemble.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles each including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

a reception level detecting part for detecting a reception level at its reception of each of said services; and

a reception level comparing part for comparing the detected reception levels for services with each other;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on the comparison result by said reception level comparing part, while a higher priority for the operation being assigned to one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a higher reception level, than one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a lower reception level.

7. (canceled).

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8. (previously presented): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said reception level detecting part detects a reception level of at least one of said services contained in each of said ensembles.